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COMMENT ON RIOTS IN HYDERABAD, INDIA. The recent rioting in Hyderabad and Secunderabad, both located in the Communist-stronghold Telengana area, appears to be a Communist inspired movement which capitalizes on the dissatisfaction of Moslems in Hyderabad State, arising from Indian domination of the state since its capitulation to India in the "police action" of 1948. The Communists in the Telengana area are armed, and for four years, until mid-summer of 1951, they carried on an extensive campaign of violence and looting. In some districts they forcibly seized land from the owners and redistributed it to the landless farm laborers, meanwhile instituting and maintaining parallel governments in those districts where their strength was concentrated.

In August, the government of Hyderabad claimed that the Communists had committed 3,500 murders and 8,000 dacoities over the past four years and that they still have about 2,000 illegal fire arms in their possession. Consequently, the government has been carrying out a program aimed at disarming the Communists, including a raid on a secret Communist arms dump in Secunderabad.

In its national and state legislative activities, land reform program, "cultural" fronts, linguistic states movements and communal issues, the CPI supports programs which already have a deep emotional or economic appeal to wide segments of the population. These tactics have recently been illustrated by the request to Soviet Trade Unions for aid in "Andhra" an, as yet, non-existent linguistic state which would be a Communist-dominated unit if formed, and recent attempts in the Punjab and PEPSU to incite agricultural workers to seize land forcibly.

This general pattern of CPI activities points to the possibility of similar situations developing in the future. These might include Communist control of a semi-autonomous Kashmir, an increase of superficially "communal" disturbances which might paralyze local governments, and a dynamic program for the CPI's cultural fronts.

The government of India recently passed a preventive detention bill which permits it to arrest and imprison an individual from one to two years without trial, on suspicion of subversive intent. With the power of police and the force of this act the government will be in a position to control any violence instigated by the Communists.

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